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Dear Jack:

I am sorry that it has taken so long to answer your letter of December 8th regarding the estimates prepared in the Office of Reports and Estimates being transmitted on to your office. The transmittal of these estimates was discontinued for a while because they progressed from a secret to a top secret classification, and there was always the great fear that although the papers were stamped as working papers they might get out as evaluated and coordinated information.

I have talked to our people, and we are going back to the procedure that obtained previously. We shall send these papers over, and they will be stamped as WORKING PAPERS, but would you please communicate with your people and emphasize that they are WORKING PAPERS, uncoordinated even within our own shop. I trust that this arrangement will be satisfactory.

With best wishes for the New Year, please believe me,

Sincerely,

Signed & dispatched 12/31

R. H. Hillenkoetter
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Dear Jack,

The Western European Branch of ORR does indeed produce informal working papers on a recurrent basis concerning the areas which you mention in your letter of October 21st. As these papers cannot be considered either as finished intelligence or as raw intelligence materials, they are not disseminated through formal channels but are made informally available to analysts on the working level in other agencies. I shall be very glad to see that copies of any such papers produced in the future are delivered informally to your office against your own or your secretary's receipt.

Please call upon me if at any time you feel there is any service which CIA could perform for yourself or your people.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

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